

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 155

Introduced by Assembly Member Fuentes

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 155—Relative to Justice for Janitors Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 155, as introduced, Fuentes. Justice for Janitors Day.

This measure would recognize June 15th as Justice for Janitors Day, a day to commemorate the struggle of janitors for affordable family health care and dignified wages.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Thousands of California janitors work for
- 2 contractors and building owners, cleaning office buildings, business
- 3 parks, high-tech campuses, and many other sectors of the California
- 4 market; and
- 5 WHEREAS, For more than a decade these janitors, through the
- 6 Justice for Janitors campaign, have worked hard to lift themselves
- 7 out of poverty and, almost everywhere, have secured family health
- 8 care. By lifting themselves up, these janitors have thereby
- 9 transformed a once troubled industry; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The progress of these janitors, through their
- 11 campaigns for affordable family health care and dignified wages,

1 has benefited our entire community, including immigrant
2 communities and local businesses, and brightened the hopes of an
3 economic recovery in California. These janitors are proof of the
4 American Dream of advancing to a better life through hard work;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Affordable medical benefits have kept these janitors
7 and their families healthier, thereby reducing costs borne by the
8 rest of the community, and affordable medical benefits have kept
9 these families from facing financial calamity when illness strikes;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, For two decades, the SEIU United Service Workers
12 West Justice for Janitors movement has helped low-wage workers
13 who clean buildings in major cities and suburbs across California
14 to achieve social and economic justice and earn broad-based
15 support from the public as well as religious, political, and
16 community leaders; and

17 WHEREAS, June 15th has for 22 years in the United States
18 been celebrated by janitors and their supporters as Justice for
19 Janitors Day, a day when janitors and other workers demonstrate
20 for justice in order to ensure dignified wages and affordable family
21 health care; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature joins custodial workers
24 across the state in recognizing June 15th as Justice for Janitors
25 Day, a day to commemorate the struggle of janitors for affordable
26 family health care and dignified wages; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
28 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.